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Mark J. Langer
Clerk of the Court
United States Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit
United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Final Report of the Office of Independent Counsel Carol Elder Bruce
(In Re: Bruce Edward Babbitt, Division No. 98-1)

Dear Mr. Langer:

Pursuant to the Order that was filed with your office on March 3, 2000, in the above-captioned matter by the Division for the Purpose of Appointing Independent Counsels (hereafter the "Special Division"), I have reviewed those portions of the Independent Counsel's Final Report (the "Report") that have been deemed "relevant" to my client, Gerald E. Sikorski, Esquire. On the basis of my review, and consistent with the purpose of 28 U.S.C. § 594(h)(2), I request that the following comments to, and corrections of, the Report be incorporated before the Special Division releases the Report. Alternatively, I ask that the following comments to, and corrections of, the Report be included in the Appendix to the Report.

Mr. Sikorski is presently a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight.¹ Since 1992, Mr. Sikorski has been engaged by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians (hereafter the "Mille Lacs" or the "Band") to provide legal representation on a host of issues, among them housing, taxes, Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") funding, land-to-trust, and Indian gaming. Mr. Sikorski has also been retained by the Band to lobby the Executive and Legislative Branches on some of the same issues as well as other matters affecting the Band.

¹ Mr. Sikorski received his law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1973 and is a member of the bar of both the Minnesota and District of Columbia courts. After Mr. Sikorski left Congress in 1992, he joined the then-law firm of Schatz, Paquin, Lockridge, Grindal & Holstein as a partner. Mr. Sikorski practiced at the Schatz, Paquin law firm in its Washington, D.C. offices from March 1993 until December 1996. In January 1997, Mr. Sikorski joined Holland & Knight, where he is currently the chairman of that firm's Public Law Department.